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SUBJ: REACTION TO UNDER SECRETARY SISCO'S AID TESTIMONY

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1. NO ISRAELI GOVERNMENT REACTION REPORTED ON UNDER SECRETARY SISCO'S TESTIMONY JUNE 12 BEFORE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

2. ISRAELI PRESS JUNE 13 REPORTED UNDER SECRETARY'S REMARKS TO COMMITTEE, BASED ON WIRE SERVICES AND REPORTS OF ISRAELI CORRESPONDENTS IN WASHINGTON. PRESS REPORTS HIGHLIGHTED HIS COMMENTS CONCERNING ARAB TERRORISM AND SUMMARIZED CONTENTS OF PROPOSED MIDDLE EAST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

3. YEDIOT JUNE 14 REPORTS OPPOSITION BLOC LIKUD HAS SUBMITTED URGENT MOTION FOR KNESSET TO DEBATE UNDER SECRETARY'S REMARKS REGARDING US ASSURANCES ON ARAB TERRORISM.

4. IN WAKE OF KIBBUTZ SHAMIR TERRORIST ATTACK, HAARETZ EDITORIAL JUNE 14 ALSO COMMENTED THAT "UNLIKE MR SISCO, WE CANNOT FIND CONSOLATION IN THE FACT THAT THERE ARE AMONG THE TERRORIST

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THOSE WHO ARE SUPPOSEDLY PREPARED TO CONSIDER NOW IF IT IS NOT BETTER FOR THEM TO BE SATISFIED WITH A PALESTINIAN STATE IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP. EVEN IF HABASH AND JIBRIL GROUPS WILL BE IN A MINORITY, THEY WILL BE ENOUGH TO CONSTITUTE A PERMANENT THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF OUR BORDER, AND THERE IS ALL THE REASON IN THE WORLD TO BE CONVINCED THAT A PALESTINIAN STATE WILL BE EXPLOITED BY THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS AS A BASE FOR TERRORISM. ARAB TERRORISM IS NOT A FUNCTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN POLITICALLY SOLVED, BUT THE RESULT OF A FANATIC HATRED DIRECTED AT THE EXISTENCE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL."

5. YEDIOT, IN HARDLINE EDITORIAL, CONCLUDES FROM UNDER SECRETARY'S HFAC TESTIMONY THAT "IT IS NOT JUST THAT THE US HAS NOT PROMISED TO PREVENT ARAB TERRORISM BUT ALSO THAT OUR RESPONSE WILL REQUIRE AMERICAN APPROVAL WITHOUT WHICH THE US MAY CONDEMN US. THE COMMITTEE WILL CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THAT THE MURDERS AT SHAMIR ARE NOT 'COVERED' BY THE AMERICANS, SINCE THE MURDERERS DID NOT COME FROM SYRIA."
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